

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 108
HONORING CHRISTOPHER GREEN**

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis of the outstanding work and recent passing of Christopher Green a dedicated community artist; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Green was the youngest of 10 children, born September 28, 1960 to the union of Rev. Perry Green Sr. and Pearl Green. He unexpectedly departed this life on February 8, 2021; and

WHEREAS, he was educated in the Saint Louis Public School's system, where he graduated from Sumner High School in 1980. He pursued a higher education at St. Louis Community College - Meramec Campus, where he majored in Arts and Education. He then took his skillset and education back to his roots at SLPS where he was employed as an Art Instructor, servicing students at various schools in the SLPS school district; and

WHEREAS, in 1997 Christopher welcomed his only child, Julia Green, into the world. He was a loving, caring, and devoted single parent who was deeply invested in his daughter's academic success. He recognized the importance of being involved in his daughter's education, which helped to promote her academic success. Julia attended Cardinal Ritter College Preparatory High School, where she was an honor-roll student and received high honors in her academics, which led to her receiving a scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Christopher's educational background granted him the opportunity to mentor many young men, women, and children in the city of St. Louis, while employed as a sports coach with St. Louis Parks and Recreation. He took pride in his work as an educator and mentor, and rediscovered his niche; and

WHEREAS, his passion for art and community activism elevated when he was approached by James Clark of Better Family Life (Urban League) commissioned Chris to take on an art project that would bring "life" to distressed LRA properties in West St. Louis City (Page Boulevard). Local African American St. Louis dignitaries were Chris' influence when taking on his community beautification project. He wanted every child walking past or driving past these buildings to see hope, progress, liberation, history, and a brighter future in each art piece; and

WHEREAS, Christopher was raised in church at Kennerly Temple Church Of God In Christ, in St. Louis, under the jurisdiction of the late Bishop R.J. Ward. Christopher's life and legacy will be forever immortalized through his family and friends, as well as through his beautiful artwork that remains intact throughout the city. He will be missed tremendously by his mother, whom he would come by to pray for and recite scriptures with often. His favorite scriptures were "The Lord is My Shepherd, I shall not want" - Psalm 23:1, "Victory Is Mine" - 1 John 5:4, and "No Weapon formed against me shall prosper" - Isaiah 54:17 and before he would leave his mother's house he would say "... if it's the Lord will, I will see you in the morning."; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by Rev. Perry Green Sr (father), Pearl Green (sister), and Ronald McCoy (brother) leaves to cherish his memory: his daughter Julia Green, his mother Pearl Green, four sisters: Claire Hamilton (Melvin Hamilton), Zentoria McCoy, Bresetta Butts (Dwight Butts) of Fort Worth, Texas, and Zonnier Mitchell. Three brothers: Frank McCoy, Perry Green Jr, and Noah Green. As well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis pauses to recognize the significant contributions of Christopher Green and by adoption of this resolution wish to join those celebrating his life. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented at a time and place deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

Introduced this 19th day of April, 2021
The Honorable Brandon Bosley, Alderwoman 3rd Ward

Adopted this 19th day of April 2021 as attested by:

Terry Kennedy
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen